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Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Naknek, AK 99633

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Dear Lisa Jackson, Dennis McLerran;

I live in Alaska. Bristol Bay is my home. I was born in Lake Iliamna in 1933. I am a great subsistence user. This is my Life. I support the use of Clean Water Act, Section 404c, to enable our local people to participate in a process that will empower our voices to be considered in decisions regarding how to best protect our fisheries and way of life . We cannot allow any harm to come, and degrade or destroy our Fresh Water Streams, Rivers, and Lakes. Without Clean Water it would be very devastating to all the animals and fish (Salmon) that depend on Clean Water. For hundreds of years, people in the Bristol Bay area have depended on our Salmon to return. I cannot imagine what life would be like without our Natural Resources healthy and intact.

I am writing you today to provide a local elders perspective on the politics involved in letters you may have received supporting the Pebble project and/or arguing against 404c action by your agency. When you hear or read that the South Naknek Village Council, King Salmon Village Council, or the Alaska Peninsula Corporation are all for the Pebble Mine or against utilization of the Clean Water Act, its because there are many of the same people involved in all three organizations and several of these people or entities have direct economic ties to the Pebble Limited Partnership. Please try to understand, that there are not so many people living in rural Alaskan villages and only two families more or less speak for and run both the South Naknek and King Salmon Tribes as well as the Alaska Peninsula Corp. I am inviting you to come to Naknek and the east side of Bristol Bay, after spending time here you will understand exactly what I am telling you.

Please understand: Newhalen and South Naknek Village Council letters opposing a 404c action, represent a redundancy of requests, as they are both Alaska Peninsula Corporation villages. Although King Salmon Tribe is not an affiliate village of APC, there is another repetition of efforts as Ralph Angasan stands as President of both APC and King Salmon Tribes.

It appears that APC is leading the charge with their affiliate villages and it should be noted that the secretary of APC, Trefon Angasan, is not only related to key members of all of the APC villages that submitted letters to EPA to request that the 404(c) process not be implemented, but an employee of Pebble Limited Partnership. He is employed as a consultant of the mine development company. Conflicts of interest abound in this group of letters and from my perspective, the greater good is not being represented but rather the economic interests of a small number of families. Below is more specific background on the family connections:

King Salmon Tribe is represented by Ralph Angasan as President, his son, Mark "Eddy" Angasan as Vice President, and Ralph's wife Clara Angasan is the Secretary/Treasurer. The village administrator is Ralph Angasan Jr. Ralph Angasan Sr. is Trefon Angasan's brother. The interests of the "tribe" are not being represented and it should also be noted that no tribe of people

existed in King Salmon prior to the development of the town by the U.S. military. The creation of the tribal entity itself was created under false pretences.

Donald Nielsen as President represents South Naknek village council. Donald is married to the General Manager of Alaska Peninsula Corporation, Mary Jane Nielsen who is the sister to Trefon Angasan. Fred T. Angasan is the Secretary/Treasurer of the SNVC and also brother to Trefon Angasan. Eva Nielsen-King is a board member of the SNVC and niece to Trefon Angasan. Lorianne Rawson is the Village Administrator, despite the fact that she lives outside of the Bristol Bay Region in Wasilla, and it should be noted that she is Trefon Angasan's niece and sister to Eva Nielsen-King. The two sisters are daughters to Donald and Mary Jane Nielsen. Again, here is a village that does not have broad representation, but that of a single family.

Ralph Angasan as President, who is also President of King Salmon Tribe, represents Alaska Peninsula Corporation. Trefon Angasan is the Secretary/Treasurer and his mother in law, Shirle Nielsen, is a board member. Fred T. Nielsen, who is also Secretary/Treasurer of South Naknek Village Council, is also a board member. Garith Nielsen, brother-in-law to Trefon Angasan, is a board member as well. Mary Jane Nielsen, General Manager, is sister to Trefon Angasan. Assistant to the General Manager, Lorianne Rawson, is also daughter to the General Manager and niece to Trefon Angasan.

I hope that the details above paint the picture of the close family ties, conflicts of interest, and redundancies that stand out in the letters you have received arguing against the use of 404c in our region. In closing I will state again that without Clean Water, our Moose, Caribou, and Berries, all of our Natural Resources would be gone. There is no guarantee, that our Water would be safe from contamination if such large quantities of toxic materials are allowed to be dumped into our Water. Bristol Bay is the largest Commercial Sockeye Fishery in the world. Please listen to the people who live in the Bristol Bay Area. We the Bristol Bay people ask all Alaskans, to stand together and help protect Our Clean Water and healthy Salmon runs for current and future generations. I am begging EPA to help us residents to Protect Fish, Jobs and Subsistence in Bristol Bay. We cannot eat copper or gold.

Sincerely,



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